Excess production of petroleum products

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the oil refineries of our country is more than the demand for consumption in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the items in respect of which production was in excess to the demand during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and the extent of such an excess; and

(c) what has been the gap between the demand and production by the end of December, 2001 during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the revised estimate for 2001-2002 the demand for petroleum product is 99,437 thousand metric tonnes (TMT) against the production of 106,019 TMT.

(b) The product-wise quantity of excess production over the demand of petroleum products for the last three years is as under:—

(Figs. In TMT)

Product	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
MS	66	322	1455
ATF	174	71	260
HSD	—	—	1090
LDO	58	113	83
Bitumen	7	—	7
Other products	—	1015	1625

(c) The gap between the demand and production of petroleum products for the period April to December, 2001 is 3106 TMT.

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